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Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Week 1992

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Racism in the Lesbian and Gay Community

by Jack Valinski
 Pride Week Co-Chair

Our larger society has a great amount of racism within it, and the gay and lesbian community being part of the larger society has its share of bigotry. Even though we are a minority, we don't always know better about other minorities.

Many of our gay and lesbian organizations do attempt to represent our community at large; however, they are mostly white and male in membership and especially in leadership. Some have made sincere attempts to reach out to the minority communities. This does, at times, seem to be tokenism. The few women and even fewer people of color who are active in organizations are so overburdened to represent their parts of the community that they burn out quickly.

Organizations dealing with AIDS have an even more essential job of being representative. This is

because the AIDS epidemic is going beyond the gay community to other minority populations. These organizations must do their best to get representatives from the communities that are becoming more at risk of contracting AIDS. Yet this is a lesson the Greater Houston-Harris County AIDS Task Force has yet to learn concerning the gay community.

How do we change? First, like any problem, we must admit that racism exists in our community. Admit that there are forms of racism that we cannot see, the subtle and often unconscious response of socialization. Challenging and changing the system is probably as hard as changing our homophobic and sexist system. As a people we fear difference and are comfortable with sameness. As many of us have pledged ourselves to this movement as a lifelong endeavor, we must do the same in tackling racism and sexism.

A new book called, *Resisting Racism: An Action Guide* available from NABWMT Publications, PO Box 408641, Chicago, IL 60640 or 1-800-NA4-BWMT, is a good start in offering suggestions on change. This change is both on a institutional and individual level. There are examples of workshops that could be a first effort.

As we face so many issues within ourselves and the community we realize we cannot cancel all of society's problems at once. We must choose the battles wisely without losing sight of the greater picture. And we must not put off the difficult issues of reaching out to women and people of color because it is a challenging issue.

As in choosing "politically correct" products to purchase in our daily life, we can see that many issues are in conflict. One product may be right on the pro-choice issue yet may be wrong on the environmental issue. And we may not agree on the same issues.

We must work towards coalition with other minorities even though we may not be welcome because of our sexual orientation. As some members of our community may feel that our issues are not their issues, we could be confronted that issues of the minority communities are not the same as gay and lesbian issues.

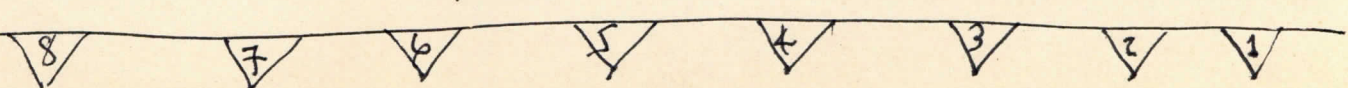
But if society is going to change for us all, we must see racism not as an isolated problem. If we find that one of our bars discriminates by asking for two or three forms of identification for blacks or browns, while not asking the same for whites, it's everyone's problem.

We cannot move forward as a community when part of our community is being discriminated against and excluded from within. λ

Jack Valinski is Co-Producer of Wilde 'n' Stein Radio on KPFT-FM and Co-Chair of Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week.

Next Meeting:
 Tuesday, March 17
 7 pm
 Multi-Service Center
 1475 W. Gray

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February Pride Meeting Minutes

Call to Order, Welcome, and Notice of Meeting

Co-Chair Jack Valinski called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 PM.

Co-Chair Carol Clark stated that notice of the February Board Meeting was published in *The Montrose Voice, This Week in Texas*, and in HL/GPW's newsletter.

Agenda and Minutes

Brian Keever moved that the Agenda be approved. Lady Victoria Lust seconded. Motion carried.

Brian moved that the HL/GPW's January General Meeting Minutes and December General Meeting Minutes be approved. Marvin seconded. Motion carried.

Jack Valinski stated the current recording secretary has not attended the last two meetings. Repeated efforts have been made to contact her by telephone. The Co-Chairs have sent her a letter requesting her formal written resignation. She has not responded.

January Executive Meeting Minutes have not been turned over by the secretary.

Amber Ratisseau is standing in as recording secretary for the February General Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Wunrow presented the Treasurer's Report. Wayne Graben moved to approve and Keever seconded. Motion carried. Additionally, Jim announced the HL/GLPW has a new checking account at First Interstate Bank of Texas.

Committee Reports

Marketing — Brian Keever reported that he has placed an order for 288 T-shirts to be sold at HL/GPW's fundraising events. Other merchandise will be items such as buttons and caps. It has also been proposed that lighters with the HL/GPW logo be ordered.

Brian also stated that HL/GPW will host a booth at Splash Day in Austin scheduled for May 3, 1992.

Fundraising — Co-Chair Wane Grabein announced upcoming HL/GPW fundraising events: Pre-Mardi Gras Pride Night, World's biggest Garage Sale, Bake Sale, Car Wash, Beach Party and a "What's It Worth?" auction. Dean Wadlradt requested that members donate items for the garage sale, bake sale, and auction. Additionally, he requested that members volunteer to staff these events.

Events — Chair Marla Alzenshtat reported that bids have been obtained to print HL/GPW's Pocket Guide and Informational posters.

Jack Valinski reported that 272 informational packets were mailed to local businesses and organizations promoting HL/GPW.

Parade — Lady Victoria Lust reported that the Parade Committee has been negotiating agreements with various vendors and distributing parade applications to all businesses and organizations.

He requested members aid in locating additional parade participants.

Parade Committee Co-chair Daryl McDearman requested that members report additional businesses or organizations to distribute informational packets to.

Daryl also reported that insurance agencies are reluctant to give quotes for HLGPW's parade until occurrence of the event is within sixty days.

Carol Clark reported that Budweiser and Miller Lite have

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Lady Victoria Lust
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NEWSLETTER

A Journey of Integration

A workshop especially designed for the gay and lesbian community

Explore the process of recovery and integration and ways to empower yourself, your relationships and your community.

We will be discussing

- Some of the issues faced in recovery
- How to identify losses and initiate change
- Communication traps and barriers in relationships
- How to develop and maintain a self in relationships

Saturday, March 28, 1992
10 am to 1 pm

2411 Fountain View, Suite 175

\$35 per person, \$40 per couple

RSVP: Alisha at 871-0821.

Facilitators:

Ann Brooks, CADAC
*Fourteen years in the field -
private practitioner specializing
in addictive disorders and
trauma resolution*

Betty Storms, CADAC
*Thirteen years in the field -
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HL/GPW

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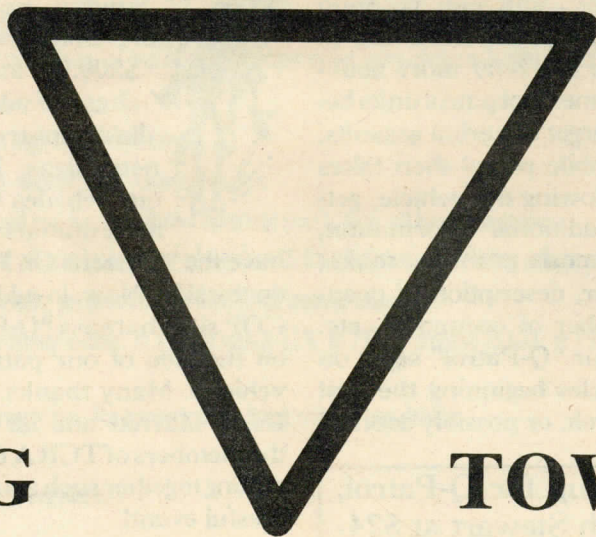
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agreed to donate \$7000 to HL/GPW in early June.

Carol Clark stated that the Festival/Rally Committee is having difficulty finding a location for the 1992 Festival/Rally. This event is scheduled to last for thirty to forty-five minutes. Current locations under consideration are Numbers, Kwik-Kopy, and 811 Westheimer.

New Business

Carol Clark announced that at the March Board Meeting, nominations for candidates for

Grand Marshalls and Honorary Marshalls will be accepted.

Jack reported that the non-profit 501(c)(3) has been resubmitted.

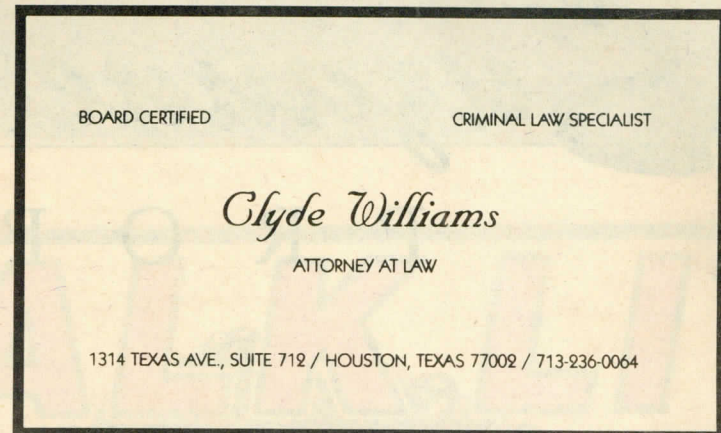
Patti Oriot and Brian Rhone proposed selling freedom rings in conjunction with HL/GPW and will prepare a formal proposal to be presented at the March Executive Committee meeting.

Glenn Holt announced that his video service, Glenn's Audio & Video Company, will video tape the HL/GPW Parade. The tapes will be made available for sale to defray expenses. Additionally,

Glenn stated that Roy Green will be the video guest commentator and that the video might possibly be broadcast live on Access Houston.

Adjournment

Wayne moved that the February general meeting be adjourned. Brian seconded. Motion carried. λ



Q-News

March, 1992

Q-Patrol to participate in HPD "Citizens On Patrol" program

Members of Q-Patrol are now participating in the Houston Police Department program called Citizens On Patrol, or C.O.P., for short. Initial training took place on February 20th, but the training will be an ongoing project as new members join the patrol. Certification classes last about two hours. Members are instructed on what to look for and listen for, when to call the police, and how to stay out of danger while on patrol. By participating in this program, HPD will furnish the Q-Patrol C.O.P. with magnetic signs and CB radios for the patrol vehicles, and will offer free training and re-training for all QP-COP members.

Officially, this new program will divide the Q-Patrol into two groups: The Q-Patrol COP, and the Q-Patrol Foot Patrol. Since the HPD program does not allow for foot patrols, our foot patrol program will operate on their own, while maintaining communication with the mobile units in the COP program. In prior months Q-Patrol has operated 1 to 3 mobile units and 1 to 2 foot patrols. With the new program in place, we hope to increase the

mobile patrol to 3 to 6 units while maintaining one foot patrol unit. Mobile units can cover a large area very rapidly, and can respond quickly. Foot patrol units are in place to see and hear more activity—sometimes foot patrol units become the target of verbal assaults, and the mobile patrol then takes over by following the vehicle, getting any additional information, such as license number, make, model, color, description of occupants, number of occupants, etc. Look for our "Q-Patrol" signs on patrol vehicles beginning the first part of March, or possibly sooner!

To sign up for Q-Patrol, call Keith Stewart at 524-5110, after 6 PM. For additional information (not scheduling), call Mark Gartner at 645-5252.

Q-PATROL Mailing Address:
P.O.Box 66973 Suite 1017
Houston, TX 77266-6973

TGRA-Sponsored fund-raiser a HUGE SUCCESS!

Members of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association sponsored a benefit for Q-Patrol on Sunday, Feb. 16th at the BRB, raising over \$500.00 for the purchase of additional radio equipment and magnetic signs. Previously, our vehicles have either been unmarked, or they have the "Citizens On Patrol" sign on the side. Now, in addition to the COP sign that says "Q-PATROL" on the side of our patrol vehicles. Many thanks to Larry Garrett and all of the members of TGRA for putting together such a successful event!

PINK SLIPS ARE IN THE MAIL!

Since Q-Patrol began, back around Thanksgiving 1991, we have been collecting and recording data gathered on suspicious vehicles, and those punks that choose to assault members of our community, both physically and verbally. We are now mailing a little pink postcard to the owner of the vehicle (probably mom

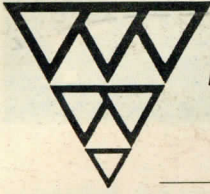
or dad!), in hopes of informing parents what their little darlings are up to. The postcard reads:

Please be advised that the vehicle described below has been seen in the Montrose night-club area. In an effort to stop HATE CRIMES that are routinely committed against gay men and lesbians in this area, we have taken to the streets, recording the license number and description of vehicles which are being driven through the area with no apparent destination, or whose occupants have been observed yelling at or throwing things at people walking through this area. We maintain a database with this information, and share the information with city, county, and federal law enforcement officials who are monitoring the hate crime situation here in Houston. Being logged into our database in no way implicates involvement in any crime or mischief. We simply want people to understand that gay-bashing is no longer a "sport" in Houston. If this vehicle belongs to your son or daughter, we strongly recommend that you have a talk with him or her before this situation becomes a problem.

We think these little cards will go a long way toward keeping undesirables out of OUR neighborhood!

Q-News is written and published by Mark Gartner and Keith Stewart, members of Q-Patrol. Direct your comments to our address at left.

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Resisting Racism

by Tracy Baim
Outlines

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION OR business attempting to confront the institutionalized racism that comes from being part of a society that encourages a "melting pot" mentality rather than one that promotes cultural diversity?

Are you as an individual trying to "resist racism" and work for real change?

Well, there are numerous books on racism available, but one in particular takes an action-oriented, and gay/lesbian-positive, approach to racism.

Resisting Racism: An Action Guide, published by the National Association of Black and White Men Together, is now available in a revised second edition, available through NABWMT's national office, based in Chicago since Jan. 1.

Edited by Gerald L. Mallon, a formal national co-chair of NABWMT who passed away late last year, *Resisting Racism* is a 157-page manual divided into four basic sections: workshop outlines,

resource materials, essays, and bibliographies.

"Racism has grown resourceful in the last 20 years," writes Charles Stewart in his foreword to the manual. "As assaults have been made on its more overt manifestations, both personal and institutional, it has waxed subtle and tough, wily and elusive, almost chameleon in its ability to assume the guises of issues and causes."

"In the gay/lesbian community, it continues to thrive, in new and old forms. Indeed it is, in some of its subtler incarnations, again becoming respectable. And the gay/lesbian community is proving to be an exceptionally hospitable environment for the breeding of racism in the absence of any opposition," Stewart said.

"If you are under the false impression that racism no longer exists, or that it doesn't exist as a factor in your life," writes Dr. Mallon in his introduction to *Resisting Racism*, "I must point out to you that this evil continues to be interwoven into the very fabric of our society and our lives... Yes, instead of celebrating the strength

that ethnic and racial diversity can bring to the human condition, we continue to use it to separate us and to condemn and subjugate those who look different or have customs different from our own."

"Racism is affecting all of us in the most brutal of ways," Mallon says. "It's killing us. It's killing our spirits; it's killing our dreams, and it's killing our bodies. To ignore this reality or to lay the responsibility for action on someone else, perpetuates its existence. We must not attempt to ignore it, but rather we must do all in our power to resist it and confront it now!"

Essays

The essays section of *Resisting Racism* features the opinions of a variety of men and women, talking personally and professionally about racism in the gay and mainstream communities. Some of the essays were written in the early 1980s, while others are more current. Many appeared in other publications or were speeches given at various conferences.

▼ Charles Stewart, in "The Culture of Norms", writes that: "Generally, as members of the

dominant culture, whites tend to be unaware that their perspective in these areas are culture related; they are apt to believe that they are value-free, objectively verifiable and self-evident, a notion rejected by the Black anti-culture."

▼ "America's original Sin and the Legacy of White Racism," an essay by Jim Wallis, looks at how the U.S. was established as a white society, "founded upon the genocide of another race and then the enslavement of another... It is the economy itself that now enforces the brutal oppression of racism and it happens, of course, invisibly and impersonally."

▼ *Resisting Racism* editor Gerald Mallon, in his essay "Racism: The White Problem," notes that: "The lesbian and gay community, itself an oppressed minority, is not exempt from practicing racism. Racism in the gay community can be seen in discriminatory bar practices, labor practices, media coverage, housing patterns, as well as in many more subtle manifestations... It is imperative that white individuals see racism for what it truly is—a white problem." λ

A Quiz on Racism

The following quiz is from the "Institutional Racism: Fact and Fiction" workshop in *Resisting Racism*. It is from *Understanding Institutional Racism*, by the Racism and Sexism Resource Center for Educators. The purpose of the workshop is to "stimulate interest of workshop participants by presenting facts about institutional racism which often jar people's assumptions."

True or False:

1. Black men with college diplomas earn more than white men with high school diplomas.
2. Twice as many Native American infants die during their first year than do other American infants.
3. Chicanos drop out of school at a rate four times that of Anglos, and one-fourth of Native American youths drop out by eighth grade.
4. In five Southwestern states, Chicanos are 17% of all pupils, 3% of all principals, 4% of all teachers, 5.6% of all students entering college and 28.2% of all school janitors.
5. In 1973, minority banks had less than 1% of the nation's bank assets, yet granted over 10% of all loans to minorities.
6. In 1958, median Black family income was 51% of median white family income. In 1970 it rose to 61%. In 1971 it dropped to 60%, in 1975, it was down to 56% of white median income, and in 1988 it was still 56% of white median income.
7. In 1988, 15% of all white children lived in families below the poverty line. The percentage for black children was double.

Complete the following statements:

8. Of more than 500,000 elected officials nationwide, about _____% are Black.
9. Nationally, minority group males are about _____% of police.
10. In 1973, Third World students were almost 22% of all students. What percentage of all elected school board members were Third World People? _____%
11. While 75% of the prisoners in New York State are minorities, _____% of the corrections officers are [minorities].
12. 961 judges serve the courts in the Southwest. In areas with a 17% Chicano population, _____% of the judges are Spanish surnamed.

Multiple choice:

13. In 1973, white males were less than 40% of the working population. What percentage of the top paying, high status, decision-making positions did they hold? a) 40%; b) 55%; c) 80%; d) 90%
14. The Second Quarter of 1990 unemployment statistics show that the white unemployment rate was 4.6%. What is the unemployment rate for Black Americans? a) Same as White; b) 10.4%; c) 12.9%; d) 4.2%
15. Since 1930, over half of convicted rapists have been white. 455 men have been executed for rape. In your estimation, how many of that number were white? Black? other races? a) 140 white, 291 Black, 24 others; b) 225 white, 230 Black, no others; c) 48 white, 405 Black, 2 others; d) 118 white, 328 Black, 9 others

Answers: 1) False; 2) True; 3) False (Chicano drop-out rate is three times white, one-half of Native American youth drop out at eighth grade); 4) True; 5) False (minority banks granted over 33% of all loans to minorities); 6) True; 7) False (the percentage for Black children was 45%); 8) Under 1%; 9) 4%; 10) 1.5%; 11) 8%; 12) 3%; 13) 90%; 14) 10.4%; 15) 48 white, 405 Black, 2 other.

C O M M U N I T Y

Calendar listing must be received by ten days before the end of the month prior to publication. Photos encouraged! Please specify if the event is open to everyone. Please use our format as a guide for listings, including time, date, place and a contact person and most important a phone number. Please note that listings are printed only as space allows. Phone numbers listed are in the 713 area code and the city of Houston unless otherwise noted. This calendar is a community service of Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. We plan to publish this newsletter by the beginning of each month. This calendar is also supplied to the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard of Houston, the Gay/Lesbian radio shows of KPFT-FM and the community publications on a twice a monthly basis. Our success depends on items being supplied to us. We are looking for a volunteer to help organize this section. For further information call 529-6979.

HIGHLIGHT

World's Biggest Garage Sale We must do our own commercials every so often; this newsletter cost hundreds of dollars each month to produce. You can help support our efforts by attending our garage sale on Saturday the 21st. Or even better yet, call Wayne at 522-8508 to volunteer ☎ 529-6979

CONTINUING

Early Voting or absentee voting continues on until March 6. You don't need an excuse to vote early, call the County ☎ 224-1919

WEEKLY

Sundays

The **Women's Group** is a feminist group, but each woman, by virtue of her own experiences and reality, defines her own feminism and her particular activism., 10:00 AM, Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 370-3657

Dawn of Faith Metropolitan Community Church, lesbian and gay worship service, 10:00 AM, 10595 Telephone Road at Fuqua ☎ 991-6766

Houston Names Project, weekly workshop to create memorial panels for loved ones who have died of AIDS, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 1410 Fairview ☎ 52-NAMES

Houston Tennis Club meets for recreational and competitive tennis, \$5, 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Memorial Tennis Center at Memorial Park

Adult Children of Alcoholic & Dysfunctional Families, a twelve step support group, 1:00 PM, Dawn of Faith MCC, 10595 Telephone Road at Fuqua ☎ 991-6766

LISA, Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Inklings, 1846 Richmond ☎ 527-8712

Open 12-Step Group, group studies one step per week and shares on the subject on that week's step, donation not required, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur ☎ 861-9149

Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice, The Bellaire YMCA ☎ Shelly at 894-0666

Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH), peer support group for teens and young adult between ages 16 to 21 in greater Houston area with committee meetings, social and movie with gay theme, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM ☎ 526-5200

Mondays

Heartsong the women's community chorus is looking for new members in March, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin ☎ 667-2932

Lone Star Symphonic Band, recruiting musicians, regardless of degree of expertise ☎ 521-0181

Rational Eating Support Group, facilitated by A New Way, Kathy Sitarsky and Janet Hudson. Open to all women; sliding scale fees, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, 5906 Dolores Suite 201 ☎ 784-6511

Lesbian Therapy Group, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer Suite 360 ☎ 623-6081

Gay/Lesbian AA Big Book Study, Montrose Resource Center, 8:00 PM, 811 Westheimer, Suite 104 ☎ 524-1069

Tuesdays

Mothers And Children Group, for HIV+ mothers and their children. Informal with speakers, games, refreshments and companionship, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Suite 163 ☎ 522-5428

Support Group For Lesbian/Gay Codependants Anonymous, discussion and support about issues regarding codependency, 5:30 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 203 ☎ Sharon 893-0514 or Jack 523-4863

Women's Hour, with Claire and Yoshiko. Interviews, news, events calendar, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, KTRU 91.7 FM ☎ 527-4050

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYLA), Peer support and social organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual teens and young adults ages 16-22. This is a new group that will be doing community projects, free, 6:30 PM social, 7:00 PM meeting ☎ 523-7242

Deaf And Hearing Impaired Group; this group is signed for hearing-impaired people who have concerns about HIV, including HIV+, PWAs, worried well, significant others and all interested parties, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Room 3 ☎ 529-0037

Stress Reduction & Relaxation, learn the art of relaxation using a combination of yoga, deep breathing and gentle body movement, sponsored by AIDS Founda-

tion Houston, 7:00 PM, Metropolitan Multipurpose Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 524-2374

Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice, 7:00 PM, Memorial Park Rugby Pitch ☎ Shelly at 894-0666

Queer Nation/Houston Tribe, a relatively new group which has been very active in changing attitudes in the greater Houston area towards Gay and Lesbian people. QN is made up of many affinity groups which specialize in different aspects of the community. 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth

A Women's Place, feminist issues and herstorical portraits with Klara Kern, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

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Wednesdays

The Gay/Lesbian Student Association, discussion groups of an educational, social, political and service organization of the University of Houston, 3:30 PM & 7:30 PM ☎ 529-3211

Women's Therapy Group, with emphasis on spirituality. Karen Hansen, CSW-ACP. Open to all women, sliding scale fees, 6:15 PM to 7:45 PM, 6300 West Loop South

SORA, Sex Or Relationship Addicts Anonymous, a support group for lesbians who desire to stop acting on their sex, romance, and/or relationship addictions, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 1919 Decatur At MCCR in the library ☎ Glenda 666-8256, Beth 527-0342

Houston Tennis Club meets for recreational and competitive tennis, \$3.00, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, Memorial Tennis Center at Memorial Park

Self Healing Class, holistic approaches to health and healing featuring a variety of guest speakers, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Spectrum Center, 3416 Audubon ☎ 523-2272

Thursdays

Gay Health Care Professional Therapy Group, for doctors, nurses, social workers, hospital employees, caregivers and therapists, free, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210 ☎ 623-6081

Tax Assistance, The IRS's Volunteers in Tax Assistance have counselors available for free tax filling assistance on walk-in basis, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 953-6452

HIV Fitness Program, low-impact aerobics class, body composition and strength analysis, sponsored by LIFE Physical Therapy and the PWA Coalition, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray ☎ 796-2272

Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice, 7:00 PM, Memorial Park Rugby Pitch ☎ Shelly at 776-9451

Afro Femcentric, a group devoted to social and political concerns of African-American Lesbians, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin ☎ 537-5146

Support Group for Women Facing Life Challenging Health Concerns, provides support for women whose lives are being affected by health issues, 7:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Suite 203 ☎ 529-0037

Women Facing Health Concerns, support for women facing challenging health (CFS, HIV, etc.), 7:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Suite 203 ☎ 529-0037

Thursday Workshop Series, \$10, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210 ☎ 623-6081

Fridays

Breakthrough, Women's Music, interviews and calendar of events with Pokey, Laura and Suzanne, 9:05 AM to Noon, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

Lambda Women's Support and Social Group, group discussions, social activities, guest speakers, referrals and support network, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM ☎ Cheryl 736-1439 or July 724-7222

Codependents Anonymous Open Discussion meeting, with emphasis on Gay and Lesbian people, donation not required, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur ☎ 861-2808

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Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH), peer support group for teens and young adult between ages 16 to 21 in greater Houston area with guest speaker, 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM ☎ 526-5200

Q-Patrol is a foot patrol in the Montrose area formed to guard against violence and queer bashing of our people. This

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non-violent, non-armed group is an affinity group of Queer Nation. All participants must have successfully completed training. 11:30 PM to 3:00 AM, Montrose Storefront Police Station, 802 Westheimer ☎ Tracy Brown 524-4657

Saturdays

Tax Assistance, see "Thursdays", 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 953-6452

HIV Fitness Program, see "Thursdays", 10:00 AM to Noon, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray ☎ 796-2272

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYLA), Peer support, information and social activities for gay, lesbian, bisexual for youth and young adults ages 16 to 22, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Intracare Hospital, 7601 Fannin ☎ 520-8336

Dignity/Houston, an organization for gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends meets for liturgy and a social hour, 7:30 PM, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ☎ 528-0111

Q-Patrol see "Fridays". 11:30 PM to 3:00 AM, Montrose Storefront Police Station, 802 Westheimer ☎ Tracy Brown 524-4657

After Hours, Gay and Lesbian Radio with Bruce Reeves. New format with calendar, interviews and *This Way Out*, a national news and feature program, 12:00 AM to 4:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

M A R C H

1 Sunday

Houston Chain Gang, Chain Smoker (quicker pace, longer rides), 9:00 AM, ride leaves from parking lot by the southwest entrance to Mervyn's at West Oaks Mall, Highway 6 and Westheimer ☎ 522-4481

Women's Group, Lillian Faderman, Lesbian Herstorian and Author will address the group talking about her new book *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers*, 10:00 AM, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin

P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a community organization that provides a support system for families and friends of lesbians and gay men, 2:00 PM, InterCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin ☎ 721-0788

2 Monday

Lillian Faderman, Lesbian Herstorian and Author will talk about *Return of Butch Fem*, 4:00 PM, Soul Hall, Rice University

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, Bart Loeser from the AIDS Foundation Houston will talk about many items concerning AIDS education in the community, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

3 Tuesday

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992, Executive Team meeting, open to all, 7:00 PM,

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 529-6979

Skate Night, sponsored by Lambda Roller-skating Club, \$5.00 including skates, 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM, Carousel Roller Rink, 9190 Old Katy Road and Campbell Road ☎ 523-6381

4 Wednesday

WAVE, Women Against Violence Everywhere, a group specifically focusing on violence against women and children., Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ 867-9117

Men's Network, is designed to be a supportive environment for the gay/bisexual male community, *Gay Houston—The Way We Were*. Ray Hill Gay Community Leader, will take us down "memory lane" this evening to a time in Houston when gay life was very covert; donation of \$3.00 to \$5.00 requested, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, 900 Lovett Suite 201 ☎ 529-0037

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, general meeting, 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ☎ 521-1000

5 Thursday

Montrose Activity Center, monthly board meeting, 7:00 PM, Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose ☎ 236-0064

6 Friday

New Women Songwriters, special showcase of new women songwriters, Anderson Fair, 2007 Grant ☎ 528-8567

7 Saturday

Houston Chain Gang, Chain Smoker (quicker pace, longer rides), 9:00 AM, ride leaves from parking lot by the southwest entrance to Mervyn's at West Oaks Mall, Highway 6 and Westheimer ☎ 522-4481

8 Sunday

Houston Chain Gang, Easy Rider (moderate pace, short rides), 10:00 AM, leaves from the parking lot of Heaven and proceeds to Downtown ☎ 522-4481

9 Monday

American Gay/Lesbian Atheist, meeting, 7:00 PM, Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose ☎ 861-3283

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, Chris Bacon, president of the Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus will talk about the upcoming election, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

10 Tuesday

Primary Election poles open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM all over Texas, many voting places have been changed, Houston/Gay Political Caucus can be reached at ☎ 521-1000, Harris County voters registration can be reached at ☎ 224-1919

AIDS Equity League, All Welcome, 12:00 Noon, Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer At Waugh Drive

HIV Update Information, Dr. Patricia Salvato presents a question and answer session regarding HIV/AIDS treatments, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Houston Immunological Institute, 7800 Fannin, Suite 300 ☎ 791-7520

Ice Skate Nite, this monthly skate nite is sponsored by the Houston Outdoor Group, the Chain Gang Bicycle Club and the Lambda Roller-skating Club and is open to everyone and community participants are asked to wear red shirts even though this is the St. Patrick's green night, \$5.00 plus \$2.00 for skates, 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM, Galleria Ice Skating Rink, 5015 Westheimer ☎ 523-6381

11 Wednesday

Women's Network, Sensitivity to Diversity. Presented by Deborah Bell, lesbian activist and Co-Producer of *Wilde 'n' Stein* on KPFT Radio, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor ☎ 529-0037

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, board meeting, 7:30 PM, 900 Lovett ☎ 521-1000

Gay Lesbian Hispanic Unidos (GLHU), regular monthly meeting, 7:30 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 270-GLHU

12 Thursday

National Leather Association of Houston, General business meeting, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 434-2417

An Introduction to Alternative Therapies, a panel of specialists will present options and techniques to help HIV+ individuals to strengthen their systems in addition to traditional medical treatments, sponsored by the AIDS Foundation Houston, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 623-6796

14 Saturday

Houston Chain Gang, Chain Smoker (quicker pace, longer rides), 9:00 AM, ride leaves from parking lot by the southwest entrance to Mervyn's at West Oaks Mall, Highway 6 and Westheimer ☎ 522-4481

Metropolitan Community Church of Resurrection, sponsors the second annual Scavenger Hunt, a Fundraiser with great prizes, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, 1919 Decatur ☎ 861-9149

The Women's Reading Group, discuss the topic relationships, each participant will discuss a book on relationships, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, meets at different members homes ☎ 932-7724 or 580-4305

15 Sunday

Houston Chain Gang, Easy Rider (moderate pace, short rides) & Chain Smoker (quicker pace, longer rides), 9:00 AM, two rides in Conrow, call for directions ☎ 522-4481

16 Monday

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, Marilyn Pittman the star of "Out for Laughs," a Gay/Les-

bian comedy show which will premier in clubs in May of this year, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

17 Tuesday

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992, general meeting including nominations for Grand Marshals and discussion on after the parade gathering, 7:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 529-6979

Sensuality/Sexuality Workshop, a confidential and entertaining workshop to "put the fun back into your sex life and take over the fear." 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, AIDS Foundation Houston, 3202 Wesleyan ☎ Bart at 623-6796

Skate Night, sponsored by Montrose Activity Center with free instructions, \$5.00 including skates, 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM, Carousel Roller Rink, 9190 Old Katy Road and Campbell Road ☎ 523-6381

18 Wednesday

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, general meeting, 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ☎ 521-1000

20 Friday

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard Houston, a 36 hour training to become a phone answering person at the Switchboard. This is a very intensive series of training sessions spread over two weekends to become involved with one of this countries best help lines for the Gay and Lesbian Community, ☎ 529-3211

Lesbians in Business, a women's empowerment group, \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 to non-members, \$10.00 for membership, 6:00 PM for networking and 6:30 PM program, Innova, 20 Greenway Plaza, on Cummins between Portsmouth and Norfolk ☎ 529-0077

21 Saturday

Houston Chain Gang, Chain Smoker (quicker pace, longer rides), 8:00 AM, Ride leaves from Riverside Park in Victoria, 10-65 miles, \$16 before March 15 ☎ 512-572-5277

World's Biggest Garage Sale, this is a community multi-sponsored event which will feature the Imperial Court of the Single Star hosting a bake sale and the Houston chapter of the National Leather Association will hold a Car Wash. If you have items to donate call Wayne at 522-8508, Rain date is March 28, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Heaven parking lot, Pacific at Grant ☎ 529-6979

22 Sunday

Houston Chain Gang, Rough Rider (off road) meet at Jack Brooks Park, take I-45 South to FM 2008 exit and turn right and make immediate left, park on the right ☎ 522-4481

Mother's Web, monthly Pot Luck Lunch/Picnic/BBQ, non-mothers can network with feminist mothers and their kids, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Russ Pittman Park,

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Community Resource Guide

CIVIC

Greater Montrose Business Guild

Promotes Montrose as a good place in which to live, invest, and do business by networking with business members and their customers. Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. PO Box 66051, Houston, TX 77266-6501 ☎ 528-1111

Neartown Association

Promotes Montrose as an attractive residential area. Meetings: 4th Tuesday of month, 7:30 p.m., Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. Dues: \$10 individual, 1912 Brun, Houston, TX 77006 ☎ 520-1912

North Montrose Civic Association

Organization promotes the area from Peden north to Allen Parkway and from Taft west to S. Shepherd as an attractive residential community. Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month, 7 p.m., Museum of Printing History, 1324 W Clay. Dues: \$12 individuals, \$36 businesses. PO Box 130184, Houston, TX 77219-0184. ☎ 528-2652

HEALTH

AIDS Legal Resource Project

2201 N Lamar, Suite 230, Austin, TX

AIDS Mastery Workshop

This is a three-day intensive workshop to empower people who are faced with HIV in their lives or in their hearts. This workshop is committed to the idea that the quality of life is not determined by its longevity but by the passion with which we can choose to live it by. The cost of the workshop is \$300; sliding scales and scholarships are available. No PWAs will be turned away because of inability to pay. Contact Jim Griffith, ☎ 464-6971.

The Assistance Fund

Pays insurance premiums and assists with prescription drugs for PWAs; a totally volunteer organization. 2476 Bolsover, Suite 455, Houston, TX 77005 ☎ 529-4788

AIDS Foundation Houston

Serves people with AIDS and ARC by offering education and social services, financial assistance, and medical referrals. Provides support and referral services for people with AIDS and ARC. 3927 Essex Lane, Houston, TX 77027 Phone: 623-6796, Hotline: ☎ 524-AIDS

AIDS Project

Provides a full range of counseling and support groups for those affected by AIDS. The professional staff has been specially trained and referral information is available for help from other community resources. The project also

performs individual case management. Meetings: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. 900 Lovett, Suite 203, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-0037

AIDS Resource for Greater Houston, City of Houston

The city of Houston Health Department offers a printed listing of the many AIDS related resources in the area. Also, educational materials on AIDS are available at no charge, 8000 North Stadium Drive, Houston, TX 77054. ☎ 749-9181

Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES)

Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES) provides free bilingual (English and Spanish) information, educating and support to Hispanics affected by AIDS and their loved ones. Services include: Bilingual AIDS Education Workshops, Amigos Support Group, Amigos Visiting Team and Amigos Line, a bilingual information and referral telephone line, 2510 Broad, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77087. ☎ 923-1439

Bering Care Center

The Bering Care Center serves the special needs of adult individuals with AIDS or AIDS-related diseases, limited financial resources, and a desire for social interaction. Clients with physical or mental limitations and who require supervision are welcome. The Care Center operates five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is staffed primarily by volunteers. Recreation, group activities and meal programs are coordinated by a permanent director. There are no fees. 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 520-7070

Bering Dental Clinic

Dental clinic services are reserved exclusively for individuals with AIDS, ARC or AIDS-related disease, and those diagnosed as HIV+. Its staff, comprising a full-time paid professional dentist and a pool of volunteer professional dentists and dental hygienists, offer a full range of dental services. A first-visit fee of \$20 is requested, but no one is turned away because they cannot pay. Patients with sufficient funds or insurance are referred to private practitioners when possible. 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006 ☎ 520-7070

Colt 45s AIDS Trouble Fund

Assists persons with AIDS by providing nutritional information, vitamin therapy and physical therapy, if desired; provides financial support for persons with immediate financial needs; referral services. Funds financial assistance through fund raisers, donations, and money jars. PO Box 66804, Houston, TX 77266-6804. ☎ 526-6077

Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM)

AIDS Interfaith Council, a program of the Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM), is dedicated to befriending people affected by HIV/AIDS and providing non-judgmental, caring and supportive services to them, their families, friends, and health care providers. Congregation-based teams of volunteers are trained to meet many of the spiritual, social, physical, and emotional needs of people affected by HIV. Members of the Care Teams view themselves as friends and extended family who can be counted on to help people in their homes. All services are provided free of charge. If you would like to receive the services of a care team, or would like additional information about our services, please call ☎ 682-5995.

Lambda Center

Gay/lesbian AA club. 1214 Joe Annie. ☎ 521-9772

MacAdory House

A temporary (90 day) residence facility for people with AIDS who are readjusting to living independently; c/o AIDS Foundation Houston ☎ 623-6796

Montrose Counseling Center

Provides quality, affordable, comprehensive, mental health and substance abuse recovery services in metropolitan Houston and surrounding area. The center is sensitive to and knowledgeable of gay and lesbian individuals and their significant others and provides research and education to the community and to other mental health professionals. Women's Network: 2nd, 4th Wednesday, 7-9 pm. Men's Network: 1st, 3rd Wednesday, 7-9 pm. 900 Lovett #203, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-0037; TDD, 526-6285

Montrose Counseling Center Women's Program

Provides the women's community with high quality, woman-affordable mental health services which are conscious of, sensitive to, and informed about the psychology and social experience of women in general, and of the lesbian community in particular. Meetings: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., 900 Lovett, Suite 203, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-0037

Omega House

A residential hospice for homeless, terminal-phase AIDS patients. The hospice provides housing as well as spiritual, psychological and palliative medical care. Residents are admitted without regard for their ability to pay. 2615 Waugh Drive, Suite 286, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 523-1139

People with AIDS Coalition Houston

The People with AIDS Coalition of Houston provides psychosocial support through peer counseling and referrals. We offer resource referrals, roommate and job placement, intakes for financial assistance through community organizations, distribution of tickets to social and educational events. We also provide household items (furniture, kitchen articles, appliances) and a clothing bank for our PWAs in need. We have monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019. ☎ 522-2674

Thomas Audett Memorial Clinic (formerly Montrose Clinic)

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic: hours, Monday to Friday 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., no appointment necessary. T4/T8 testing also available. Marion Panzer Women's Program: hours 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., full women's examination including gynecological exam and breast exam. HIV testing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., also Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 1200 Richmond, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 528-5531

Veteran's Administration

Provides full range of outpatient and inpatient medical care to eligible veterans with HIV infection. HIV testing, CD4 lymphocytes testing, pharmacy, and social services are available. Special Medicine Clinic meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030-4211 ☎ 795-4411

MEDIA

Alternative Broadcasting Service

Houston's only gay television production facility. Formed in 1989, ABS dedicates itself to providing materials for public access television promoting the gay community. Log term goals of ABS include the establishment of a gay-owned broadcast television station. For further information, contact Mike Stubblefield, PO Box 980845, Houston, TX 77098-0845. ☎ (713) 526-3425.

KPFT 90.1 FM

KPFT is a Pacifica public radio station and has several programs for the Gay and Lesbian community. *After Hours*, celebrating life in the heart of Montrose is KPFT's newest addition to gay/lesbian radio and is heard each Saturday night/Sunday morning from midnight to 4:00 a.m. Produced by Buddy Johnston, the show espouses the necessity of coming out and standing up for your rights; for information, call 529-4636. *Wilde 'n' Stein*, produced by Deborah Bell and

Jack Valinski, features news, interviews and commentary on the lesbian and gay community. It is the longest running show of its kind in the country and is heard every Monday evening from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. *Breakthrough* is broadcast every Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It features women's music of all styles, interviews, and a weekly calendar of local events of interest to lesbians, feminists and gay men. The award-winning program began nine years ago and is produced by Pokey Anderson. 419 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 526-4000

National Lesbian/Gay Journalists Association

An organization for journalists, both in the mainstream media and the gay press. Students welcome. ☎ 666-1918

The New Voice

Free weekly publication that covers Houston, Austin, San Antonio and New Orleans and includes news, views, gossip, and entertainment. Comes out on Fridays. 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-8490

This Week in Texas (TWT)

Free weekly statewide publication includes news, views, gossip, and entertainment. Comes out on Fridays. 811 Westheimer, Suite 106, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 527-9111

POLITICAL

ACT-UP Houston (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power)

Act-UP is a non-partisan group of diverse individuals united in anger and committed to direct action in the face of the AIDS crisis. We are not silent. *ACT-UP, Fight Back, Fight AIDS*. Meetings: first and third Thursday at Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1425 W Gray. PO Box 66275, Houston, TX 77266-6275

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus

A grass roots political organization celebrating its sixteenth year working for the civil rights of gay and lesbian people. Activities include participating in local, state, and national elections, registering voters, and other political activities. Meets first and third Wednesday of each month at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth, at 7:00 p.m. Dues: \$30 per year. PO Box 66664 (office, 900 Lovett, Suite 101), Houston, TX 77266-6664. ☎ 521-1000

Queer Nation

Houston chapter of the national direct action group fighting for gay/lesbian rights. Meets Tuesdays at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth at 7:30 p.m. PO Box 131211, Houston, TX 77219-1211.

Texas Abortion Rights Action League (TARAL)

Involves people in the political process. Meets third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Dues: \$25/year membership. ☎ 524-1734

RELIGIOUS

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church

Service: 10:50 a.m. Sunday. 1440 Harold, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 526-1017

Church of Religious Science

A new thought organization whose purpose is to support people in their search for their own divinity. Meets Monday, 8:00 pm at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth. ☎ 526-LOVE

Dawn of Faith Metropolitan Community Church

Serving the spiritual needs of the tri-county Galveston Bay area. Formerly the Galveston MCC, Dawn of Faith has relocated to 10595 Telephone Road at Fuqua, in southeast Houston. Services are at 10 am Sunday mornings. Join us to sing praises to Jesus and to receive all the blessings Jesus has for Lesbian and Gay worshippers. ☎ (713) 991-6766

Dignity/Houston

Provides support and encourages the growth and development of gays and lesbians spiritually, emotionally, and socially. Mass and social each Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Montrose Palace. Additional social, spiritual and educational activities at other times. 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth, PO Box 66821, Houston, TX 77266. ☎ 528-0111

First Unitarian Universalist Church

A real spiritual alternative for the gay and lesbian community. Service: 11:15 a.m. Sunday, 5200 Fannin at Southmore, Houston, TX 77004-5899. ☎ 526-5200

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

A parish of the Trinitarian Catholic Church, providing gay and lesbians with acceptance, love, and nurturing; offering women access to ordained ministry; and restoring our gay Catholic heritage and pride. Masses: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. 1218 Welch St., PO Box 66641, Houston, TX 77266-6641. ☎ 523-8412

Houston Mission Church

Rev. Robert Carter, Pastor. Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 1505 Nevada, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-8225

Integrity-Houston

For Gay and Lesbian Episcopalians and their Friends to bring together members in a comfortable setting of spirituality and sexuality; to work within the church to create change; to work closely with Clergy consultation on AIDS by helping people with the disease. Meeting: Autry House, 6265 South Main, on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. PO Box 66008, Houston, TX 77266-6008

Kingdom Community Church

As a church, our collective purpose is to recapture the spirit of the early church and to model church life and our own lives on the precepts of the Kingdom of God. Our church is based on the ministry of laity. Services: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. 614 E 19th Street, Houston, TX 77008. ☎ 862-7533

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)

MCCR extends its ministry to persons of all backgrounds and races. We welcome gay and lesbian people as well as heterosexuals to worship, witness and serve together. We know Jesus really loves all of us. Service: 10:45 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Sunday, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, as well as other spiritual, social and educational activities. Tuesday night, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Empowerment for Living which begins with pot-luck; PWA Support Group. 1919 Decatur, Houston, TX 77007. ☎ 861-9149

SOCIAL / EDUCATIONAL

AIDS Equity League

PO Box 980307, Houston, TX 77098-0307. ☎ 748-3555

AMIGA de Houston

Purpose: Created to further the commitment of Lesbian Latinas in the quest for equality for all. Meetings: third Sunday of the month Dues: \$15 for newsletter quarterly. PO Box 980134, Houston, TX 77098-0134. ☎ 520-5667

American Gay Atheists

American Gay Atheists is a non-profit, non-political, educational organization devoted to the constitutional principle of separation of state and church. We have served the gay atheist community for over six years on a local and national level. PO Box 66711, Houston, TX 77266-6711. ☎ 880-4242

Astro Rainbow Society of the Deaf

This Houston chapter of the National Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf was founded in 1979. PO Box 66136, Houston, TX 77266-6136

Bar Association for Human Rights

The purposes of this organization are to provide a forum for Gay and Lesbian attorneys in our community to exchange late and promote the effective practice and professional expertise of our membership. The organization meets once a month; please call for information on meetings. ☎ 524-5549

The Company We Keep

Showcases the theatrical and performing arts talents of Lesbians and Gay Men. ☎ 523-9000

Couples/Houston

Purpose: To provide social/educational outreach to persons participating in an alternative lifestyle relationship; to support the positive aspects of a relationship and the sense of stability that they represent in the community and lifestyle. PO Box 70884, Houston, TX 77270-0084

Crisis Hotline

Purpose: A 24 hour, 7 day-a-week crisis intervention telephone service is provided. Crisis counseling and specific information and referral on a wide range of topics including suicide, AIDS and mental health issues. PO Box 130866, Houston, TX 77219-0866. ☎ 228-1505

Delta Lambda Phi

Social fraternity at the University of Houston with emphasis on service to Houston's gay community. Open to students and non-students alike. ☎ 529-3211

FrontRunners Houston

Organized in 1984 to promote beginning, recreational and competitive running.; also provides support to men and women interested in running as a means of fitness and developing friendships. All club runs are non-competitive and informal. Meetings: The Tennis Center at Memorial Park on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. 3327 West Lamar, Houston, TX 77019-1915

The Garden Party

The Garden Party is a non-profit organization whose main project is the Garden Party, held annually on the last Sunday in July. Our purpose is to raise funds for organizations that give direct assistance to People with AIDS, and to otherwise support our community. Meets third Wednesday, usually at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, at 7 pm. PO Box 66693, Houston, TX 77266-6693 ☎ 688-0336

Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU)

Purpose: A social, cultural and educational organization created to motivate, educate and instill pride in all gay and lesbian Hispanics, their friends and supporters. Discrimination can be eliminated through political, economic and social equality. GLHU was founded as Gay Chicano Caucus in 1978 and has grown from a social gathering to a diversified organization of artists, musicians, lawyers, accountants, TV-film specialists, administrators, mechanics, and much more. PO Box 70153, Houston, TX 77270-0153. ☎ 880-GLHU

Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International

The Houston chapter has been providing support to lesbian and gay parents for over three years. They meet every third Tuesday to discuss issues such as coming out to their kids, handling a relationship with a partner, ex-spouse, divorce, visitation and the effects of homophobia on the gay/lesbian family. Child care is provided and teens have their own group. ☎ 666-8256

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston

Clearinghouse of information of gay/lesbian community; calendar of events; AIDS/STD information; telephone counseling of active listening, crisis/suicide intervention; referrals of bars, restaurants, hotels, community merchants, medical, legal, and mental health professionals. PO Box 66591, Houston, TX 77266-6591. ☎ 529-3211; TTY/TTD ☎ 529-3223

Gay Fathers / Fathers First

An organization to help members who are gay fathers and others in similar situations to continue to grow and to develop in ways which draw upon the

rich experiences of both being gay and being fathers. The group seeks to form mutually supportive groups for building positive self-image and for creative problem-solving and to educate the gay community, professionals, and the general public about their strengths and special concerns. Meets Mondays, 8 pm. PO Box 981053, Houston, TX 77098-1053. ☎ 666-6568 or 523-7466

Gay Men's Network

Discussion group for social and educational development. Meetings first and third Wednesdays at Montrose Counseling Center, second floor, 900 Lovett. ☎ 529-0037

Gay/Lesbian Students Association of the U of H

GLSA is an educational, social, political, and service organization dedicated to improving the lives of Lesbian and Gay members of the University of Houston Community. Discussion groups meet every Wednesday at 3:30 and 7 pm. GLSA is a committee of the Montrose Activity Center. Campus Activities Box 314, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77204-3650 ☎ 529-3211

Gays and Lesbians of Rice (GALOR)

Educational offerings include holding panel discussions in classes which deal with sexuality and gender, publishing a newcomer's guide, giving a seminar on gay issues to "mentors," Rice resident associates. Also to sponsor social events for members. Meetings: bi-weekly on Sunday during the school year. Membership is open to Rice students, faculty, alumni and students from other universities and friends of members. Dues: \$5 c/o Student Activities - Rice University, PO Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. ☎ 630-0247

The Group

The Group is a theater workshop producing gay and lesbian plays. Joe Watts, Director. 436 Hawthorne #2, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 522-2204

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)

HATCH provides a safe, secure environment for gay and lesbian teens to socialize with their peers, to find support and to develop a more positive outlook on their sexuality. Open to gays and lesbians under 21. ☎ 526-5200

Hazelwitch Productions

Produces cultural events which are validating and empowering as well as entertaining for Houston lesbian/feminist community. 1846 Richmond, Houston, TX 77098. ☎ 521-3369

Heart Song

Provides a place for women who love to sing songs that empower people. Women who like to sing are welcome. Rehearsals are Monday nights, 7-9 pm. PO Box 980243, Houston, TX 77098-0243 ☎ 667-2932

Houston Area Gay and Lesbian Engineers and Scientists (HAGLES)

Social organization made up of gays and lesbians in a wide range of occupations, including aerospace, petrochemical, medicine, academia, and many others. Monthly socials, technical meet-

ings, or outings. New members welcome; call for details. ☎ 480-2177

Houston Area Women's Center

The Houston Area Women's Center provides a variety of free services for women in crisis. Programs include an emergency shelter for battered women and their children; a rape crisis program that offers a 24-hour hotline, peer support counseling and accompaniment to hospitals, police departments and courtrooms; a telephone information service to hospitals, police departments and courtrooms; a telephone information and referral service for women (WIRES) and a counseling program for battered women. The center provides to public groups free of charge speakers on domestic violence, sexual assault and rape avoidance. Meetings: Volunteer orientation on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. 3101 Richmond, Suite 150, Houston, TX 77098. ☎ 528-6798; 24 hour hotline 528-RAPE; WIRES, 528-2121

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week

Educates the gay and lesbian community on the history of our people by putting together a celebration each year in June commemorating the Stonewall riots. Meets third Tuesday of each month, usually at the Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Service Center, 1475 W Gray. Mailing address: Box 66071 Houston, TX 77266-6071. ☎ 529-6979

Houston NAMES Project

Create memorial panels in tribute to someone who has touched their lives and died with AIDS. Workshop: Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 1410 Fairview, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 52-NAMES

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

Provides an opportunity for gay/lesbian people to meet one another and to organize for various activities, including (but not restricted to) camping, hiking, cycling, canoeing, bowling, skating, and touring. Socials are held once each month; other activities are scheduled throughout the year. Dues: \$15 per year to receive monthly newsletter. PO Box 980839, Houston, TX 77098-0893. ☎ 522-7809.

Houston Women's Softball League

Promotes the enjoyment of team sports and the friendship of other gay women, Spring and Fall seven week seasons. 19327 Bristle Star, Katy, TX 77449

Lambda Bike Club

PO Box 271442, Houston, TX 77277 ☎ 496-0288

Lambda Rollerskating Club

PO Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266-6450 ☎ 523-6381

Lesbians In Business (LIB)

A women's empowerment group that meets the third Friday of each month at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, at 6 pm. ☎ 680-8737 or 529-8484.

Lesbians Over Age 50 (LOAF)

Social and educational group of Lesbians over the age 50. Meetings: 2:00 p.m., third Sunday of each month at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475

W Gray, PO Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601. ☎ 661-1482

Lone Star Nudist Group

Join Gay or Bi men who wish to share nude experiences together; we currently have 72 members in Houston area. Singles and lovers welcome. Meeting: Monthly Nude social events, massage group, out of town gatherings. PO Box 740572, Houston, TX 77274-0572

Lone Star Symphonic Band

Montrose's own Symphonic Band, the organization is active in promoting the community with its many concerts for various groups. PO Box 66613, Houston, TX 77266-6613. ☎ 862-5058

Men of All Colors Together

This Houston chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together (see listing in "Out of Town") fosters a supportive environment where racial and cultural barriers can be overcome. The group is committed to the elimination of racism, homophobia, sexism, and other prejudices that affect our lives. ☎ 485-8888

Montrose Activity Center

A non-profit organization whose purpose is to build and run a community center for the gay and lesbian people in the greater Houston area. Board Meeting, sometime odd numbered months. PO Box 66684, Houston, TX 77266-6684. ☎ 524-4318

Montrose Softball League

Promotes sportsmanship and friendship through a Sunday softball league. Season is generally April through June, working towards the national tournament in August. Games on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Tim Heame Field on Jackson Hill at Memorial.

National Leather Association: Houston

National Leather Association: Houston is the 18th Chapter of the National Leather Association. NLA: Houston is a pansexual social service organization established to educate and eradicate prejudice to the leather, S/M and fetish lifestyles. Men, women, gay, straight and bisexual individuals who are interested in NLA: Houston are encouraged to attend a General Meeting held the second Thursday of each month at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray at 7 pm. Social events in bar and out of bar are ongoing, as well as fundraising for both the organization and area charities. For more information, write NLA: Houston, PO Box 541921, Houston, TX 77254-1921.

National Organization for Women (NOW) at U of H

Takes action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society NOW, exercising all the privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. The group advocates and works for political, social, and economic equality between all women and men. Meeting: University Center, Underground, NOW office, UH every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. 4800 Calhoun, UC, PO Box 509, Houston, TX 77004

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)/Houston

Promotes understanding and education within the family and with friends. Meets first Sunday at 2:00 p.m., IntraCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin. Mailing address: PO Box 692444, Houston, TX 77269-2444. ☎ 721-0788

Paz y Liberacion

Publishes a newsletter about lesbian and gay groups and liberation events in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East; also provides free penpal service world wide to Americans. Volunteers needed to help with USA correspondence and Spanish mail. Subscriptions: \$3 to \$10, free sample. PO Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266-6450. ☎ 523-6381

Prime Timers - Houston

The group helps meet the needs of older gay men; activities include a wide spectrum of events, such as meetings, socials, workshops, parties, trips, and "rap" groups. PO Box 30381, Dept. P, Houston, TX 77249-0381. ☎ 981-8440.

Royal, Sovereign Imperial Court of the Single Star

RSICSS is a community service organization. The Imperial Court System was founded over 26 years ago in San Francisco by Jose I. The Court System's standard of humor, heart, and humanitarianism governs over 50 courts in the United States and Canada. The Houston Court has been a part of this tradition for seven years. Meets the second Sunday at announced locations. PO Box 98044, Houston, TX 77098-0444.

Team Houston

Houston's team for participation in Unity '94: Gay Games and Cultural Festival to be held in New York City. Organization includes athletes and cultural participants (artists, musicians, etc.). PO Box 542257, Houston, TX 77266-2257.

Texas Gay Rodeo Association

Founded in July, 1983 to raise money for 501(c)(3) charities by staging an annual rodeo. Chapters exist in Amarillo, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, and San Antonio. PO Box 66973, Houston, TX 77266-6973

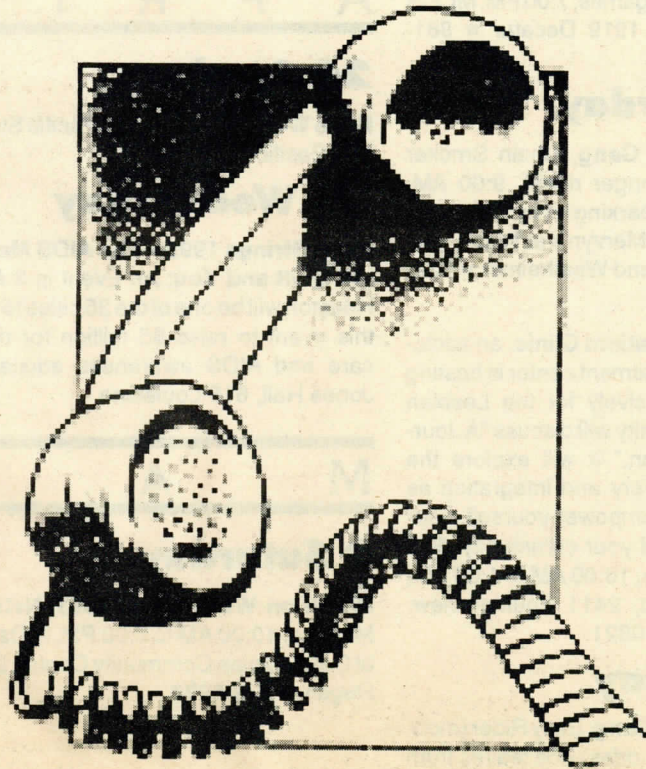
Womynspace

Provides gathering/healing support space for womyn. The non-profit organization offers activities and events which are chemically free. PO Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601. ☎ 869-6510

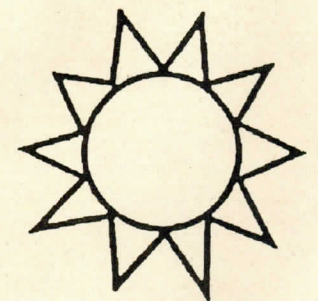
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Prime Timers-Houston, monthly meeting, announcements of coming events with speaker, \$1, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 201 ☐ 981-8440

AMIGA de Houston, Focuses on Latina/Lesbiana (All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active) all are welcome, with a potluck dinner, 5:00 PM, ☐ 520-5667

23 Monday

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, interview with a transsexual, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☐ 526-4000

24 Tuesday

AIDS Equity League, All Welcome, 12:00 Noon, Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer At Waugh Drive

25 Wednesday

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Newsletter, deadline for calendar items for April issue, items must be writer, PO Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071 ☐ 529-6979

Women's Network, Women/Lesbians and HIV, Rossanna Daumas, HIV Test Counselor, will present update information this evening about women/lesbians and HIV disease, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor ☐ 529-0037

HIV and Nutrition, Separating fact from fantasy, with Clint Stevens MS RD LD, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 201 ☐ 529-0037

Men's Network, is designed to be a supportive environment for the gay/bisexual male community, donation of \$3.00 to \$5.00 requested, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, 900 Lovett Suite 201 ☐ 529-0037

27 Friday

Fourth Friday Socials, open social gathering at MCCR for fellowship and snacks, play cards, board games, 7:00 PM, MCCR Fellowship Hall, 1919 Decatur ☐ 861-9149

28 Saturday

Houston Chain Gang, Chain Smoker (quicker pace, longer rides), 9:00 AM, ride leaves from parking lot by the southwest entrance to Mervyn's at West Oaks Mall, Highway 6 and Westheimer ☐ 522-4481

New Spirit Outpatient Clinic, an addictive disorders treatment center is hosting a seminar exclusively for the Lesbian and Gay community will discuss "A Journey of Integration." It will explore the process of recovery and integration as well as ways to empower yourself, your relationships and your community, \$35 or \$40 per couple, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Outpatient Clinic, 2411 Fountainview, Suite 175 ☐ 871-0821

29 Sunday

Houston Chain Gang, Easy Rider (moderate pace, short rides) ride leaves from

the parking of Heaven, tour the historic Heights, 10:00 AM ☐ 522-4481

30 Monday

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Newsletter Mailout, scheduled mailout party for April Newsletter, be there or be talked about! ☐ 529-6979

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, representatives of the Montrose Activity Center will discuss future Fundraiser, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☐ 526-4000

A P R I L

26 Sunday

Pride Week Beach Party, Pacific Street, 710 Pacific ☐ 529-6979

29 Wednesday

Heart Strings 1992—The AIDS Memorial Quilt and You: An Event in 3 Acts, Houston will be one of the 35 cities to host this event to raise \$5 million for direct care and AIDS awareness education, Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana

M A Y

9 Saturday

March on Washington 1993, National Meeting, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in Dallas, at Gay/Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Regan ☐ 529-6979

10 Sunday

What it's Worth Auction, one of Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week's biggest Fundraiser, Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos ☐ 529-6979

J U N E

13 Saturday

That's What Friends are for . . . 3, created as a means of helping the community at large, six charities will benefit, while providing an evening of spectacular entertainment for its supporters, Tickets available from Ticketron, Westin Galleria, Grand Ballroom

19-28

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, many events will take place for the 23rd anniversary of Stonewall Riots in New York ☐ 529-6979

28 Sunday

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Parade, one of the city's largest parades, includes many professional floats, bands, and just a lot of fun, starts at Woodhead down Westheimer past Montrose, 5:00 PM, Westheimer from Dunlevy to Whitney ☐ 529-6979

UPDATE FORM

Use this form to update Pride Week's Community Calendar or Resource Guide. The Calendar is published in the Pride Week newsletter and is made available to KPFT as well as to the Switchboard.

Event: _____

Description of Event (or Organization): _____

Sponsoring Organization: _____

Date & Time: _____

Cost: _____

Location: _____

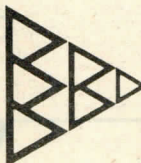
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